

## ACTION AGENDA

The goals in this Area Plan will ultimately be attained through a multitude of specific actions. Many of the initiatives highlighted in this section cut across – and are supported by – multiple elements within the plan. Compiled in **Table 2 Green Valley Strategic Action Items**, is a list of key action strategies derived from the various plan elements. The table does not include every recommendation found throughout this plan. Instead, it details a shorter “to do” list of strategic priorities, their potential timing, and who is responsible for initiating, administering, and participating in the implementation process.

Additionally, the action strategies have been categorized regarding those actions that will involve (1) capital investments, (2) programs and initiatives, (3) regulations and standards, (4) partnerships and coordination, and (5) targeted planning/studies. Most capital projects will also require, to varying degrees, additional feasibility analysis, construction documentation, specifications, and detailed cost estimates.

Table 2 provides a starting point for determining task priorities. This is an important first step toward plan implementation. County leadership should determine which of the immediate goals (indicated with the 0-2 year time frame), should be initially implemented. Once near-term action items are identified, leaders should allocate necessary resources (funding, staff time, etc.) to complete these items. Leaders should identify a lead staff member (department) to develop a first year work program in conjunction with County management, other departments, and other public and private implementation partners to implement these action items.

The ongoing governance discussion should also be considered as part of the evaluation process to determine which initial action priorities to pursue. Identifying action items that can be completed or

easily passed to another staff/group of decision makers needs to be part of the process to identify which action items to pursue first and how they will benefit the citizens of the Green Valley Area regardless of who the governing body is in the future.

These near-term action priorities should be revisited by local officials and staff annually to recognize accomplishments, highlight areas where further attention and effort are needed, and determine whether some items have moved up or down on the priority list given changing circumstances and emerging needs. It should be kept in mind that early implementation of certain items, while perhaps not the uppermost priorities, may be expedited by the availability of related grant opportunities, by a state or federal mandate, or by the eagerness of one or more partners to pursue Area initiatives. On the other hand, some high-priority items may prove difficult to tackle in the near-term due to budget constraints, the lack of an obvious lead entity or individual to carry the initiative forward, or by the Area’s readiness to take on a potentially controversial new program.

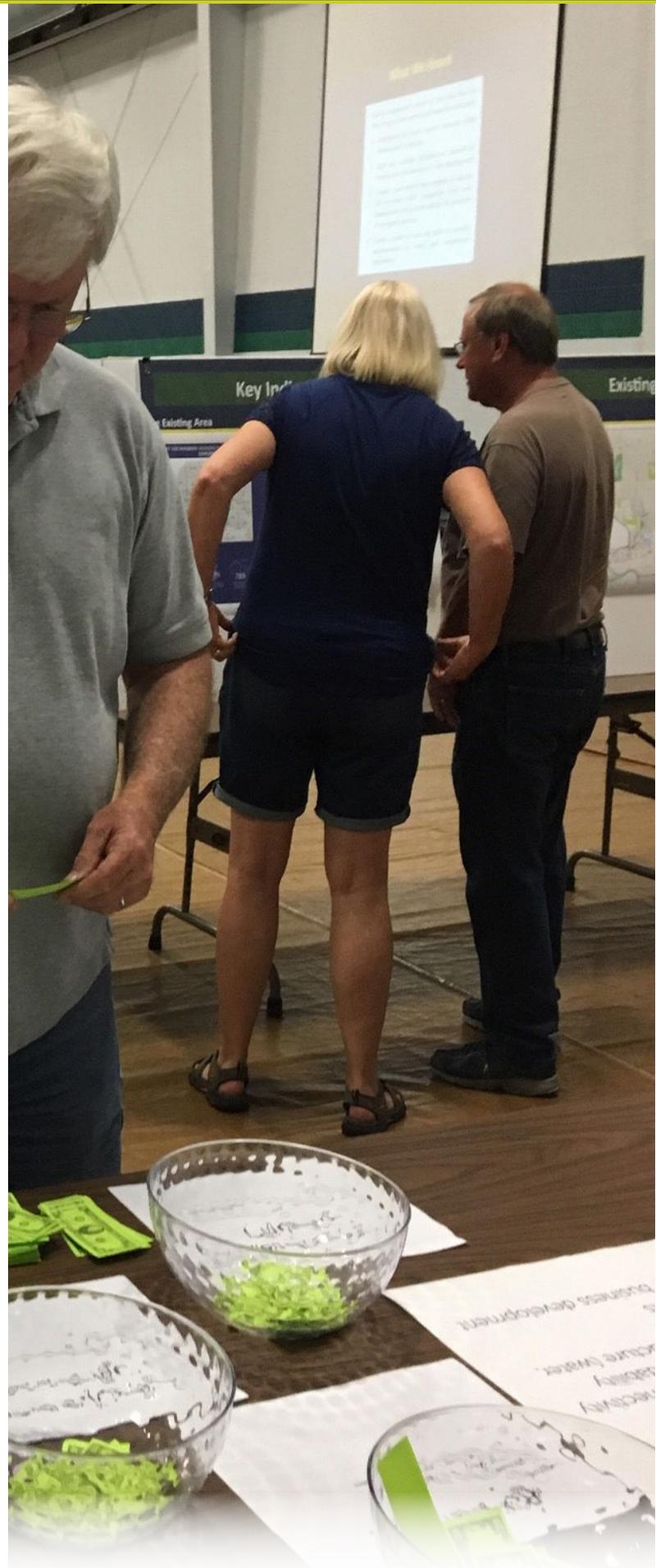
# COMMUNITY PRIORITY CATEGORIES

Throughout the process of developing this plan, residents, steering committee members, and town hall / open house attendees were asked what the top priorities should be for the Green Valley Area Action Agenda. This input was used to establish a priority ranking of these categories. The following list details how community members prioritized these categories starting with the highest priority to the lowest priority:

1. Traffic Reduction
2. Public Infrastructure Upgrades
3. Pedestrian Connectivity
4. Housing Choices / Affordability
5. Business Attraction

While this list represents Green Valley Area Residents priorities, there are additional factors such as funding availability, staff time, regulatory agency approval, and development approval that ultimately decide the order in which Action Agenda items are implemented. The community priority that each Action item helps accomplish has been included to help decision makers evaluate the implementation timing of each identified action.

These items have also been included in Table 2 to help guide future leaders to set priorities based on need and community input obtained during this planning process.



**TABLE 2 : GREEN VALLEY STRATEGIC ACTION ITEMS**

Action	Priority Categories	Plan Location	Initiate	Action Type
<b>IMPROVE STREET NETWORK AND CONNECTIVITY</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Transportation and Thoroughfare Plan for the Green Valley Area to identify the location of new and extended roads and bike paths/sidewalks to create a more connected street and pedestrian network and provide alternative routes to goods and services.</li> <li>• Build partnerships with developers to coordinate land use and transportation investment and promote shared, equitable contributions to implementing the transportation system.</li> </ul>	<p>Traffic Reduction</p> <p>Pedestrian Connectivity</p>	<p>Transportation and Mobility</p> <p><b>SAP 1, Bullet 2 and SAP 4</b></p>	<p>1-2 years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Capitol Projects</p> <p>Targeted Planning / Studies</p> <p>Regulations and Standards</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p>
<b>REDUCE TRAFFIC ON US-24</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with KDOT to implement the US-24 Corridor Plan and reduce the number of Access Points and turn-arounds on US-24 to increase traffic capacity and safety.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Flint Hills MPO (FHMPO) to expand transportation options linking The Green Valley Area and the greater Flint Hills region.</li> <li>• Utilize this Area Plan to advance infrastructure priorities at a regional level. Upon completion of the plan, set-up meetings with Riley County, Manhattan, and FHMPO to discuss furthering regional priorities such as a second Blue River Crossing and widening of the US-24 bridge over the Blue River.</li> </ul>	<p>Traffic Reduction</p> <p>Public Infrastructure Upgrades</p>	<p>Transportation and Mobility</p> <p><b>SAP 3, Bullet 1 and SAP 5</b></p> <p>Growth Capacity, Infrastructure, Recreation, and Natural Resources</p> <p><b>SAP 9</b></p>	<p>2-6 Years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Capitol Projects</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p> <p>Programs and Initiatives</p>

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<b>UPDATE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop design guidelines for commercial and industrial zoned properties within the Green Valley Area. Work with the development community, residents, Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, and neighboring jurisdictions to develop and adopt codes based on existing best practices and outcomes expressed by Area residents.</li> <li>Evaluate regulations and Kansas State Law to determine how all available funding mechanisms for development related costs such as impact fees, recapture agreements, special service districts, and special benefit districts can be utilized to assist with the installation and maintenance costs of new and upgraded infrastructure required by a new proposed development.</li> <li>Update the development regulations and standards for the Area to ensure the development process will result in necessary level of infrastructure and facilities desired for new developments.</li> <li>Pursue implementation of first-time building codes for the Green Valley Area.</li> </ul>	<p>Traffic Reduction</p> <p>Public Infrastructure Upgrades</p> <p>Pedestrian Connectivity</p> <p>Housing Choices / Affordability</p>	<p>Land Use and Development <b>SAP 4</b></p> <p>Transportation and Mobility <b>SAP 4</b></p> <p>Growth Capacity, Infrastructure, Recreation, and Natural Resources <b>SAP 4 and 7</b></p> <p>Economic Opportunity <b>SAP 4</b></p>	<p>1-2 Years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Regulations and Standards</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p> <p>Programs and Initiatives</p>

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<b>CONNECT DEVELOPMENT AND OPEN SPACES WITH BIKE TRAILS / SIDEWALKS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with developers to construct sidewalks and bike paths around the peripheries and/or adjacent to major or minor collectors that abut new development sites in addition to the creation of internal development sidewalks to create an interconnected system of sidewalks throughout the Green Valley Area.</li> </ul>	<p>Traffic Reduction</p> <p>Pedestrian Connectivity</p>	<p>Transportation and Mobility</p> <p><b>SAP 1, Bullet 3</b></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Regulations and Standards</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p>
<b>BUSINESS ATTRACTION</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritize investment in infrastructure to support economic development. Identify areas in which existing infrastructure is currently limiting economic development. Work to secure funding for these infrastructure projects, whether through County funds, partnerships, or creation of special financing districts or development of impact fees.</li> <li>Establish an incentive policy and approval process that identifies specific criteria to utilize while considering incentives used in business attraction efforts.</li> <li>Pursue neighborhood supporting retail that were shown to be needed in the Green Valley Area based on a retail trade area analysis.</li> </ul>	<p>Businesses Attraction</p>	<p>Economic Opportunity</p> <p><b>SAP 1, 7, and 8</b></p>	<p>2-3 Years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Regulations and Standards</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p> <p>Programs and Initiatives</p>

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<b>COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION WITH PARTNER AGENCIES</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Area-wide master infrastructure plan (including roadways, bridges, stormwater drainage, open space and facilities, etc.) building off of the <i>Blue Township Sewer Master Plan</i> recommendations.</li> <li>Prioritize investment in infrastructure to support economic development. Identify the infrastructure needs of the commercial and industrial sites.</li> <li>Actively pursue partnerships to work with local jurisdictions as they make investments in their infrastructure (such as roads, storm drainage, etc.) to coordinate with potential expansions and investments of PCEDC, particularly for industrial parks.</li> </ul>	<p>Public Infrastructure Upgrades</p> <p>Business Attraction</p>	<p>Growth Capacity, Infrastructure, Recreation, and Natural Resources</p> <p><b>SAP 2 and 5</b></p> <p>Economic Opportunity</p> <p><b>SAP 1, Bullet 3</b></p>	<p>2-6 Years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Partnerships and Coordination</p> <p>Targeted Planning / Studies</p>

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<b>ENCOURAGE A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN FOR THE LOCATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentrate commercial and business development in locations that are appropriate for these uses and within close proximity to their target markets / employees, existing transportation networks, and similar businesses categories.</li> <li>• Use the <i>Green Valley Area Future Land Use and Character Map</i> and Blue Township Sewer Master Plan, and recommended Area master infrastructure plan, to identify properties “ripe” for development.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Direct growth to places where it fits in with the character of the Area and pays its own way with regard to the infrastructure it requires.</li> <li>› Encourage development patterns on these sites that create efficiencies and minimize the need to create new infrastructure such as single-family cottage homes, duplexes, and townhome developments.</li> <li>› Position new development proposals to take advantage of proximity to existing open space and recreational areas.</li> <li>› Limit growth outside of these areas so that it does not overwhelm existing infrastructure.</li> <li>› Respect the property rights and economic realities of rural landowners by providing development options that create value.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Public Infrastructure Upgrades</p> <p>Business Attraction</p>	<p>Land Use and Development <b>SAP 3</b></p> <p>Growth Capacity, Infrastructure, Recreation, and Natural Resources <b>SAP 3</b></p>	<p>1-3 Years and Ongoing</p>	<p>Programs and Initiatives</p> <p>Partnerships and Coordination</p> <p>Targeted Planning / Studies</p>

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<b>ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE HOUSING OPTIONS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the development of a diversity of housing densities, sizes, and development patterns within areas of existing development and growth. Both rental and for-sale housing of varying sizes and price points should be encouraged within appropriate areas of the Green Valley Area. Life-cycle housing and housing that allows for aging in place should be encouraged.</li> <li>Develop a palette of housing options to provide guidance to the development community regarding acceptable scale, density, and architectural standards for new housing types.</li> <li>Provide a range of workforce housing options for a diverse and expanding workforce.</li> </ul>	Housing Choices/ Affordability	Land Use and Development <b>SAP 2</b>  Economic Opportunities <b>SAP 3</b>	2-3 Years and Ongoing	Regulations and Standards  Programs and Initiatives
<b>CREATE CONNECTED PARKS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider development of a <i>Green Valley Open Space and Recreation Plan</i>. Such a plan could examine the overall open space and recreation needs of the Area (and desires of the public) and identify desired locations for fulfilling these needs. Open space designations can also be used to help create larger more usable green spaces that are coordinated between multiple developments.</li> </ul>	Public Infrastructure Upgrades  Pedestrian Connectivity	Growth Capacity, Infrastructure, Recreation, and Natural Resources <b>SAP 8</b>	2-4 Years and Ongoing	Targeted Planning/ Studies